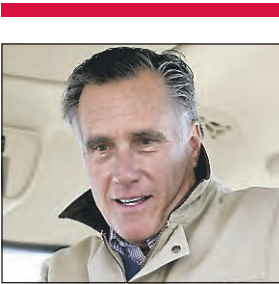




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WASHINGTON

13 accused of election meddling

Mueller indicts Russians for allegedly plotting to disrupt U.S. presidential campaign in an effort, in part, to help Trump win

By Eric Tucker
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » In an extraordinary indictment, the U.S. special counsel accused 13 Russians Friday of an elaborate plot to disrupt the 2016 presidential election, charging them with running

a huge but hidden social media trolling campaign aimed in part at helping Republican Donald Trump defeat Democrat Hillary Clinton. The federal indictment, brought by special counsel Robert Mueller, represents the most detailed allegations to date of il-

legal Russian meddling during the campaign that sent Trump to the White House. It also marks the first criminal charges against Russians believed to have secretly worked to influence the outcome. The Russian organization was funded by Yevgeny Prigozhin, INDICTMENTS » PAGE 10



President Donald Trump in Florida says the Russian indictments clears him and his campaign of collusion.
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FLORIDA MASSACRE

FBI had tips about gunman

Shooter was described as having a ‘desire to kill’

By Kelli Kennedy, Curt Anderson and Tamara Lush
The Associated Press

PARKLAND, FLA. » The FBI received a tip last month that the suspect in the Florida school shooting had a “desire to kill” and access to guns and could be plotting an attack, but agents failed to investigate, the agency said Friday. Florida Gov. Rick Scott called for the FBI’s director to resign because of the missteps. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the shooting that killed 17 people Wednesday was a “tragic consequence” of the FBI’s failure and ordered a review of the Justice Department’s processes. He said it’s now clear that the nation’s premier law enforcement agency missed warning signs. In more evidence that there had been signs of trouble with the suspect, Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said at a Friday news conference that his office had received more than 20 calls about Nikolas Cruz in the SHOOTING » PAGE 7



WHAT TO WATCH

KNBC-TV, Channel 4
Prime time coverage today features men’s giant slalom, short track, men’s ski jumping and women’s skeleton. In giant slalom, American Ted Ligety will defend his 2014 gold medal. Katie Uhlaender is trying to overcome injury, illness and tragedy to get a place on the podium in women’s skeleton, but started slow in the event’s first runs.

THE MEDAL LEADERS

				TOTAL
NORWAY	6	8	5	19
GERMANY	9	2	4	15
NETHER.	6	5	2	13
CANADA	4	5	4	13
AUSTRIA	3	2	4	9
USA	5	1	2	8

RIALTO



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San Bernardino County firefighters and tow truck drivers work together to remove a six-axle cement tractor-trailer from the top of a car on the eastbound 10 Freeway at the bottom of the Riverside Avenue onramp Friday in Rialto. At least five people died.

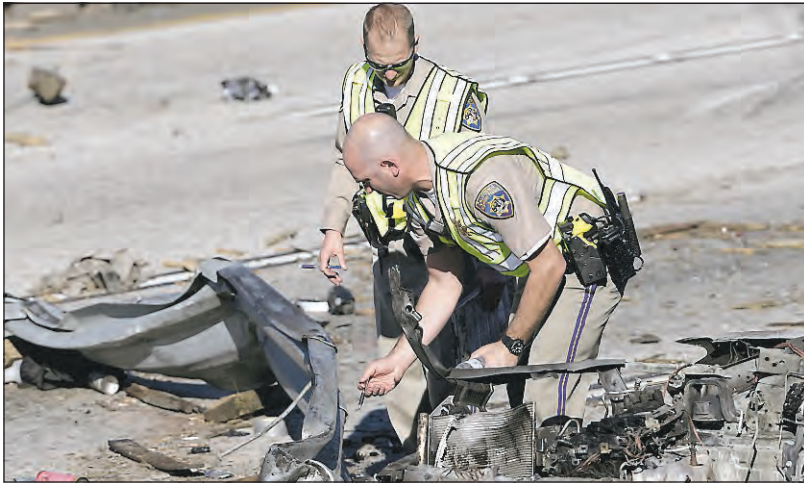
AT LEAST 5 DIE IN ‘HORRIFIC’ FREEWAY CRASH

Big rig hits center divider, strikes vehicles in eastbound lanes

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At least five people, including a motorcyclist, died Friday in a crash that shut down all lanes of the 10 Freeway for several hours at the Riverside Avenue offramp in Rialto after tractor-truck crashed through the center divider and caught fire, authorities said. “It’s one of the most horrific collisions I’ve seen in my 10-year career,” said Steve Carapia, a California Highway Patrol spokesman.

Just before 1 p.m., a big rig was traveling west when, for unknown reasons, it crashed into the center divider, entered the eastbound lanes and struck several vehicles head-on, according to CHP Officer Brian Alvarez. The truck came to rest atop multiple vehicles, and then some caught fire, Alvarez said. At least two big rigs and three passenger vehicles were also involved, he said. Albert Fuentes, 26, works at a junkyard near the freeway and said he heard two “boom” sounds when the accident happened. CRASH » PAGE 4



California Highway Patrol officers investigate the scene of an accident that killed at least five on the eastbound 10 Freeway.

NBA ALL-STAR GAME

L.A.: The stuff hoop dreams are made of

Six Southland natives return to where they honed skills to be pros

By Ryan Kartje
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LOS ANGELES » They congregate on sacred Compton blacktop, deep in the heart of South Central, and on sun-drenched, beachside courts, in the shadow of towering palms. They gather at Gladys Park, tucked between concrete walls off skid row and on a mansion’s hidden hardwood in the hills of Bel-Air. They are transients and locals, old and young, black and white, amateurs and NBA stars, homeless and Hollywood elite. But amid the near-infinite sprawl of Los Angeles, a bouncing ball binds them. Many have tried to distill Los Angeles into sweeping generalizations, only to fall miserably short of capturing its essence. The culture of basketball here is no easier to define than the city itself. It is both exclusive and inclusive, gritty and flamboyant, a product of the streets and also HOOPS » PAGE 11



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Norm Cohen, 82, who has been playing basketball on Venice Beach’s courts for decades, practices his jump shot.

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